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SUBJECT: PROPOSED UN STRATEGY AND RESTRUCTURING OF UNC

REF: (A) STATE 122429 (B) SEOUL 3768 (C) SEOUL 3876

1. FONMIN CALLED IN AMBASSADOR MAY 30 TO CONVEY
WRITTEN ROKG RESPONSE TO US PROPOSALS ON UN STRATEGY
AND RESTRUCTURING OF UNC. (REFS A AND B). ROKG
POSITION PAPER BEING CABLED SEPTTEL.

2. ESSENCE OF PAPER AND FONMIN'S VERBAL PRESENTATION
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IS THAT ROKG AGREES TO US PROPOSAL ON SENDING LETTER

TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND AGREES TO LETTER'S CONTENT
AS OUTLINED REF A. ROKG ALSO CONCURS IN
DESIRABILITY OF TAKING STEPS TO LOWER UNC PUBLIC PROFILE
ALTHOUGH IT MAKES NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS OF ITS OWN.

3. WITH REGARD TO RESTRUCTURING UNC, ROKG POSITION
REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THAT OUTLINED IN ROKG NOTA
OF MAY 1, 1974. ROKG READY TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE ON PLANNING FOR COMBINED COMMAND.
FONMIN NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE ROKG
WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT A
COMBINED COMMAND MIGHT BE INSTITUTED EVEN IF THE
COMMUNIST SIDE REFUSED TO AGREE TO EFFECTIVE
POST-UNC CONTINUATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.
FONMIN FORESAW, HE SAID, A COMBINED COMMAND FOR
COMMAND OF ROK/US FORCES, WHILE A SMALL UNC WAS
CONFINED WHOLLY TO DUTIES NOW PERFORMED BY
UNCMAC. FONMIN SAID SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE
EFFECTIVE WAY OF UNDERLINING SEPARATION BETWEEN UNC
AND US PRESENCE. FONMIN STRESSED REPEATEDLY
HOWEVER, THAT ROKG NOT INSISTING ON SUCH AN
ARRANGEMENT AT THIS TIME BUT ONLY THAT ROOM BE
LEFT OPEN FOR ITS POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION. WRITTEN PRESENTATION DOES
NOT SPECIFICALLY RAISE THIS
POSSIBILITY, STATING ONLY THAT "IT IS HOPED THAT
A FURTHER CONSULTATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE
TIMING OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE COMBINED COMMAND."

4. ROKG PAPER GOES ON TO URGE EARLY CONSULTATIONS
WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS AND SUBMISSION
OF ACCOMPANYING DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION IF POSSIBLE
BY END OF JUNE.

5. PAPER ENDS WITH ASSERTION OF DOUBT THAT THESE
STEPS CAN PREVENT ADOPTION OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION
AND CALLS FOR CONSULTATIONS "IN DUE COURSE" ON STEPS
TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT BOTH FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE
RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
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CONFIRMATION THAT WE CAN OPEN PRELIMINARY
DISCUSSIONS WITH ROKG ON COMBINED COMMAND
AND ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SUCH
DISCUSSIONS.

IN MEANTIME, WE WILL BE PREPARING MESSAGE WITH
EMBASSY/UNC PROPOSALS ON LOWERING OF UNC PUBLIC
PROFILE.

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